



Tennessee Crop Weather

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COTTON, SOYBEAN HARVESTS LIKELY TO GO INTO DECEMBER

Producers looked for opportunities to do field work last week, as rains occasionally brought crop harvest and wheat planting progress to a halt. Growers who have finished are assisting others. The last time cotton and soybean harvests ran so late in the season was in 2009, also due to inclement weather. Burley tobacco stripping made very little progress because of low humidity and available labor. Greenhouse tomato growers reported a late blight outbreak, which could adversely affect yields. There were 5.0 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 12 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 13percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 15 percent short, 79 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Cotton – Harvested	68	57	99	96	Pasture	2	7	36	47	8
Soybeans – Harvested	82	75	100	97	Soybeans	0	2	12	46	40
Burley Tobacco – Stripped	44	40	54	62	Wheat	0	1	14	65	20
Winter Wheat – Seeded	86	76	99	93	Cotton	2	8	25	49	16
Winter Wheat – Emerged	57	44	79	74						

County Agent Comments

Harvest had really picked up but rains brought it to a halt, further delaying the harvest season and wheat planting. The wheat that has been planted looks very good. With so much rain there will be some quality issues in regard to unharvested cotton. Cotton yields continue to have a wide yield range (350-900 pounds). Several non-irrigated soybean fields are producing 40+ bushel yields. Pastures are in great shape as we continue into fall.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

Crop harvest is progressing. Weather conditions allowed harvest to start and run for 2-3 days before rain shut us down for 2-3 days. Some growers are finished and are assisting others.

Richard Buntin, Crockett County

The farmers in Fayette County had some rain and freezing temperatures late in the week. Before this, they were busy harvesting and trying to finish wheat planting.

Jeffery D. Via, Fayette County

Fall greenhouse tomato growers reported late blight outbreak. Tomatoes will be 25% or greater short in yield.

Anthony Carver, Grainger County

We still have small pockets of corn to harvest with large acreages of beans and cotton to harvest. No doubt, major acres of beans and cotton to be harvested in December. Some winter wheat is still being planted. Pastures are looking good for this time of year and cattle farmers have plenty of hay stored. Cattle are in excellent shape.

JC Dupree, Jr, Lauderdale County

Corn and bean harvests almost completed with best yields in years. Wheat looks very good.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

We are working as much as we can around Mother Nature. Crops are still looking good ,

Jake Mallard, Madison County

Soybean producers made the most of this week's weather conditions and almost got 3 days of running time. Rain started mid-afternoon on Thursday and continued into Friday. Several acres of soybeans are yet to be harvested. Some wheat seeding occurred this week. Minor acreage might be seeded during the next window of opportunity, but the bulk of the crop is planted.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Corn harvest is complete. Soybean harvest is wrapping up. Tobacco is being stripped but weather and available labor are slowing progress. Pastures, particularly fall seeded pastures, need some moisture. Cattle are looking good.

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Much needed rain fell this week, which should help with wheat germination and growth. All but the last of the beans and cotton are left to be harvested.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Much needed rain for the wheat crop ranging from 1.5 to 2.0 inches fell this week. All but a few soybeans remain to finish up harvest.

Ed Burns, Marion County

Hay feeding in full bore. Pasture is all about gone. 1.5 inch of rain this week.

John Goddard, Loudon County

SEASON FINALE

This is the final issue of the 2013 Tennessee Weekly Crop Weather Report. USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office, extends sincere thanks to UT/TSU Extension, and the numerous county agents that are responsible for the immense success of this report. The weekly report will resume in April 2014. Happy Holidays!

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: November 24, 2013 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending November 24, 2013				Current Week 11/24/13	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	74	22	49	-2	1.32	3	53.09	6.80	34.24	1.72
Brownsville_TN	77	21	49	0	1.31	3	54.35	8.52	37.70	5.67
Covington	76	20	48	-1	1.28	3	56.11	10.81	39.66	8.04
Dyersburg	77	21	49	0	1.31	2	53.44	9.38	38.65	7.41
Huntingdon_Wate	73	21	48	1	0.83	3	66.92	19.79	47.61	14.24
Jackson_Exp_Stn	76	20	48	0	1.12	3	58.84	12.83	41.01	8.28
Lexington_TN	71	21	47	-2	0.98	3	57.20	12.37	39.60	7.96
Martin	76	20	48	2	2.12	3	62.97	16.25	46.97	13.49
Memphis_AG	77	23	49	-3	1.77	3	59.13	13.94	40.90	9.20
Milan	75	20	48	2	0.83	3	64.84	17.15	47.90	13.83
Paris	71	19	46	-2	1.35	3	64.55	18.30	48.29	15.55
Savannah_6SW	71	22	48	-3	0.83	3	51.29	1.45	35.22	0.84
Selmer	71	21	47	-2	1.34	3	48.79	-0.33	30.49	-3.39
Union_City	75	20	47	1	0.87	3	53.07	7.15	39.29	6.55
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	67	19	46	0	0.61	3	51.67	7.18	35.12	4.28
Cookeville	68	19	46	0	1.27	3	57.94	7.81	43.50	8.40
Crossville_AP	67	18	46	1	0.58	3	52.16	3.03	37.17	3.06
Dickson_AG	71	18	45	-3	0.32	1	53.06	5.58	36.94	3.47
Dover_1W	71	19	47	2	2.40	3	67.51	20.89	49.23	16.51
Fayetteville_TN	70	22	48	2	0.24	3	56.32	8.77	40.08	7.81
Jamestown	66	17	44	-2	0.92	3	52.10	3.55	37.04	2.33
Kingston_Spring	71	19	46	1	0.64	3	44.21	-1.57	30.48	-1.33
Lewisburg	70	19	45	-2	0.86	3	48.19	-0.44	34.32	0.27
Livingston_WLIV	67	19	46	-1	1.31	3	53.05	6.43	36.73	3.63
Lobelville	71	21	47	-1	0.65	3	52.67	4.07	34.44	0.83
Murfreesboro_5N	70	20	47	-1	0.89	4	51.01	3.82	35.98	2.57
Nashville_Metro	71	20	50	2	1.37	3	46.28	4.52	32.40	2.88
Oneida	67	20	46	2	1.10	3	50.84	1.82	36.38	1.23
Portland_TN	67	19	46	0	1.66	3	50.58	5.08	36.25	4.05
Pulaski_Water_P	69	20	46	-5	0.77	3	53.02	4.47	35.77	2.61
Shelbyville	69	21	46	-3	0.36	2	54.60	5.72	40.78	6.78
Sparta_TN	70	20	47	0	1.19	3	50.61	1.75	35.15	0.86
Springfield	69	18	46	1	2.36	3	61.21	17.52	46.98	16.16
Springhill	71	20	47	0	0.71	3	44.78	-3.41	30.66	-2.92
Tullahoma	69	23	49	1	0.32	2	56.09	6.00	42.17	8.05
Waynesboro_TN	71	19	46	0	1.21	3	50.37	-0.58	34.09	-1.09
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	70	26	53	5	0.33	3	57.77	10.50	39.74	8.20
Cleveland_6NNE	66	24	48	1	0.15	2	53.06	4.71	35.76	2.97
Dayton	65	22	49	1	0.95	2	61.25	11.82	44.52	11.11
Erwin_1W	70	22	47	3	0.54	3	46.24	2.44	31.49	-0.80
Gatlinburg_2SW	69	24	46	2	1.09	3	63.42	12.90	42.11	5.53
Greeneville	66	20	46	1	0.67	2	52.27	13.76	35.44	7.62
Kingston_AG	65	23	47	3	1.50	1	54.21	2.68	36.85	1.40
Knoxville_AP	69	25	50	4	1.12	2	58.16	16.40	37.78	9.34
Newcomb	68	20	45	1	0.96	2	50.38	1.36	34.96	-0.19
Norris_4NE	63	23	45	0	0.99	2	54.26	7.40	37.18	4.21
Tri-City_RGNL_A	71	21	49	4	0.77	2	48.87	12.19	32.67	6.36

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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